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Docket events in CM/ECF are listed on our website under CM/ECF - Events Listing. This is an all-inclusive, alphabetical list divided by category. Refer to this list as needed.

**** Trustees** - A new roletype of "previous trustee" has been added to be selected when necessary. Additionally, an attorney for previous trustee will have to be assigned in order to receive electronic notifications.



How Fast is Your Internet Connection – Really? By Tony Cirigliano, Information Technology Administrator

The apparent speed of CM/ECF depends on how fast your internet connection is at your office. There are various high speed internet services available in many locations and there are different speeds or levels of service available.

In most advertisements for high speed internet, you will be told about the *download* speed. For example, a download speed of 1.5 Mbps (megabits per second) is equivalent to 1536K. That's more than 27 times faster than dial-up 56K modem. Quite impressive, huh?

What often is not advertised, but plays a significant part in how fast your internet connection appears, is the *upload* speed. Upload speeds are generally significantly less than download speeds. For example, on a 1536K (1.5 Mbps) high speed internet connection, you may have an upload speed of only 265K (or less.)

This means you can upload files only 1/6th as fast as you can download them. An upload speed of 256K is only 7 times faster than the maximum upload speed of 33K that a 56K dial-up modem connection provides.

For the casual internet user, this may not be an issue. But when you e-file using CM/ECF, the upload speed of your internet connection is what is being used to transfer PDF documents to the court.

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Your internet service provider should be able to tell you what specific download/upload rates you should expect. It is wise to run tests yourself and check your internet speed. A free and easy tool to test your internet connection speed can be found at

<http://www.speakeasy.net/speedtest/>

To get an accurate reading, it is best to test your speed when few or no users are utilizing the internet connection. If your internet connection consistently is not close to the speeds in your service agreement, give your internet service provider a call. They usually can send someone out to check the lines and in some cases increase your internet speeds.

You may also want to check with your internet service provider to see what other high speed internet services are offered. Some offer special "business class" service with higher upload speeds that can make a real speed difference when e-filing documents.

ECF Tips

Amended Filings – Docket amended statement of social security numbers as "Statement of Social Security Number (Amended)." The "Amended/Amendment To Filing" event should be used for any other amended miscellaneous pleadings being filed.

Opening Bankruptcy Cases- Be sure to enter the correct statistical information relating to the debtor(s) number of creditors, assets and debts/liabilities.

Party Selection - When filing a pleading and prompted to "Select the Party", be sure to select the party you represent. If that party is not listed for selection, be sure to "Add/Create New Party."

Referencing Documents – When filing exhibits, supplements to filings, certificates of services, notices of motions, etc., be sure to choose "Refer to existing event" in order to relate the document to the previously filed event.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

Q. WHERE IS THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COURSE CERTIFICATE EVENT?

A. THIS EVENT HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE BANKRUPTCY/BATCH FILINGS CATEGORY IN ORDER TO ENABLE MULTIPLE CERTIFICATES TO BE FILED AT ONCE, IF APPLICABLE.

Q. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T AN EVENT THAT CORRELATES WITH MY PLEADING?

A. YOU CAN CONTACT EITHER OF THE ECF-CONTACTS AS LISTED BELOW FOR A GENERIC EVENT TO USE IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE.

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